

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4 with the following:

If the number of un-slipped PDLs is determined at step 604, the recording capacity totaling the number of up-slipped PDLs is excluded from the whole recording capacity (step 606 605). Since the defective blocks registered as PDLs are excluded from the logical sector numbers (LSNs) thereafter, no data can be written in the defective blocks.